(क) क्या सरकार ने विद्यमान विमानन नीति में कतिपय अनियमितताओं को दूर करने के लिए तथा तेजी से बढ़ रहे उद्योग को और प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए हाल ही में एक व्यापक विमानन नीति लागू की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी मुख्य-मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने पांच अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तनों के सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए निजी क्षेत्र की सहभागिता आमंत्रित करने पर विचार किया है; और

(घ) क्या उक्त नीति के अंतर्गत विमानपत्तनों को पूर्ण स्वायत्तता प्रदान करने का प्रावधान किया गया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) और (ख) सरकार इस मामले पर लगातार ध्यान दे रही है और संगत कारकों का ध्यान रखते हुए समय-समय पर आवश्यक परिवर्तन किए जाते हैं।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार ने दिल्ली, मुम्बई, चेन्नई, कलकत्ता तथा बैंगलूर में बनाए जाने वाले नए विमानपत्तन को निगमित करने का विनिश्चय किया है। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (भा.वि.प्रा.) द्वारा इन विमानपत्तनों को निगमित करने सम्बन्धी रीतियों पर सलाह देने के लिए वित्तीय तथा विधि परामर्शदाताओं की नियुक्ति की प्रक्रिया चल रही है। विमानपत्तनों के निगमीकरण के फलस्वरूप विमानपत्तनों की स्वायत्तता बढ़ेगी।

Upgradation of Mangalore Airport

14. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether while inaugurating an extended building at Mangalore Airport, he stated that Government would raise the standard of airport to international airports by spending Rs. 120 crores on the project;

(b) whether any budget allocation in 1998-99 has been made for this purpose;

(c) whether any sanction has been obtained for this purpose; and

(d) the time by when the expansion work will start and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to upgrade the infrastructure facilities at Mangalore Airport during 9th Plan period subject to transfer of land by State Government and availability of funds.

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण का वित्तीय निष्पादन

15. **लाला लाजपत राय:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या वर्ष 1999-2000 के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण हेतु बजट आवंटन कर दिया है;

(ख) क्या प्राधिकरण द्वारा विकास और विस्तार हेतु महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात के विमानपत्तनों को भी उक्त बजट के अंतर्गत शामिल किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 1997-98 के लिए इसके वित्तीय निष्पादन की समीक्षा की है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान अर्जित आय और जनशक्ति की उपयोगिता के संबंध में कोई अनुमान लगाया गया है; और

(च) भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को लाभप्रद उद्यम बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

नागर विमान मंत्री (श्री अनंत कुमार): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां। 1999-2000 की वार्षिक योजना में भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को महाराष्ट्र के लिए 86.80 करोड़ रुपए तथा गुजरात के लिए 23.82 करोड़ रुपए आवंटित किये गए हैं।

(घ) से (च) जी, हां। 1997-98 के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के समग्र कार्य-निष्पादन का मूल्यांकन भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के बीच समझौता ज्ञापन की शर्तों के रूप में किया गया है और भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के कार्य-निष्पादन को 1997-98 के लिए "बेहतर" करार दिया गया है। भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण 1995 में इसके अस्तित्व में आने से लेकर लगातार मुनाफा कमा रहा है।

Performance of AI and other PSUs under Civil Aviation Ministry

16. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India (AI) has been running at loss;

(b) if so, since when and the year-wise details thereof till 1997-98;

(c) whether he is making any effort to reduce the losses of AI;

(d) if so, the achievement expected during 1998-99;

(e) the specific steps which are being taken to improve the performance of other public sector units under his Ministry; and

(f) the details thereof PSU-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India has incurred losses of Rs. 271.84 crores, Rs. 296.94 crores and Rs. 181.01 crores during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively.

(c) The steps taken by Air India to reduce the losses are (i) Marketing efforts have been stepped up to generate additional revenue. (ii) Network rationalisation and consolidation with emphasis placed on route profitability. (iii) Reduction in expenditure on outside repairs of aircraft by undertaking more in-house repairs. (iv) Several posts of India based officers abroad have been abolished.

(d) Due to above cost cutting measures and other efforts, the provisional loss for the period April to December, 1998 is Rs. 199.76 crores, as against the budgeted loss of Rs. 265.26 crores. As against the projected loss of Rs. 340.72 crores for the year 1998-99, the loss is expected to reduce by more than Rs. 100.00 crores.

(e) and (f) The details are given in the statement.

Statement

The steps taken by other PSUs to improve their performance

Indian Airlines:

(i) Closure of off-line stations and reduction in the number of booking offices. (ii) Ban on recruitment, unless absolutely necessary operational reasons. (iii) Drastic cut in the expenditure on office buildings. (iv) Freeze on capital expenditure unless absolutely necessary for operational reasons. (v) Reduction in frequencies of loss making route. (vi) Restructuring of Indian Airlines has been taken up as per recommendations of Kelkar Committee.

Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited:

(i) Organisational restructuring on profit-centre basis. (ii) Differential pricing for various customers. (iii) Cost control measures. (iv) Manpower rationalisation covering optimal staffing. (v) Introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme. (vi) Freeze on further recruitment in Pawan Hans. (vii) Financial restructuring including study of large capital base. (viii) Utilisation of funds in core business for fleet expansion, renewal, maintenance facilities etc.

Hotel Corporation of India Ltd:

(1) Upgradation and Renovation of its properties including Rooms, Food & Beverage outlets and public areas.

(2) Computerisation of all operations in the Hotels and Flight Kitchens.

(3) Replacing old equipments like Cold Storage and Deep Freezer, Dish Washing Machine, Hot Water Piping, Hot Water Generator, Steam Boiler, Condensed Chilled Water Piping etc.

(4) The marketing of F&B outlets has also been strengthened and streamlined. Various food festivals carnivals, special packages, special events are being organised.

Airports Authority of India:

(1) With a view to revamp Airports Authority of India a decision has been taken to corporatise five airports in the country, namely, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta and the new airport at Bangalore.

(2) To encourage private participation in the cargo operations at the airports, to begin with, it has been decided to form a Joint Venture at Indira Gandhi International Airport for parallel cargo terminal activities to boost exports and streamline imports.

(3) The Modernisation of Air Traffic Services Project at Delhi has been operationalised for providing better navigational and communication services.

(4) Efforts are being made for improvement in terminal facilities and provision of proper facilitation to the passengers.

(5) Steps are being taken to progress towards implementation of Satellite based Communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/STM) systems.

Training of AI and IA pilots

17. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even if our airports are equipped for CAT II or III landing systems, IA and AI pilots will not be able to land as they are not specially trained for this; and

(b) what action the airlines are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) DGCA has finalised and issued the training requirements for authorising flight crew for Category II/IIIA operations. All the scheduled airlines have been advised to train their pilots accordingly so that they can operate flights under Category II/IIIA conditions. The airlines are taking necessary action.

Renaming of Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo

18. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up a National Committee for celebration of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo;

(b) whether it has been decided by the National Committee to name Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to name Vadodara Airport after Sri Aurobindo; and

(d) what is the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has desired that Vadodara Airport be renamed after Sri Aurobindo.

(c) and (d) The proposal has been referred to the State Government of Gujarat for obtaining their views.

Night Landing facility at Agartala Airport

19. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether night landing facility has been provided at Agartala Airport; and

(b) the date from which the night landing facility is operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Night Landing facility which was available since 24.5.1997 was suspended temporarily because of cattle menace and obstructions in the approach path. The obstructions have since been removed and a boundary wall has been constructed to prevent the cattle from straying on the airfield. The system has been restored from 15.11.1998.

Recovery of dues from private airlines

20. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India collected any amount as fees or tax from the private airlines;

(b if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of amount collected and outstanding dues from the private airlines including the break-up of different private airlines; and

(d) the steps taken by the AAI to collect the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The airlines are paying Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigation Landing, Route Navigation Facility Charges, Passenger Service Fee, X-ray baggage charges, and Housing/ Parking charges. The airlines also pay for other services like Licence fee for land/space allotted at airports, Water & Electricity Charges, use of Cargo facilities etc.

(c) The details of amount collected so far and dues as on 31.12.98 are given in the Statement (*See* below)